

Name BECK WITH, BYRON DELA

To be filled out only when discharge is effected BEFORE the book is forwarded to Headquarters.

Discharged at U.S. Marine Corps Air Station,  
Cherry Point, North Carolina  
on 4 January, 1946, <sup>honorably</sup> by reason of  
expiration of enlistment

Character: NAVMC 70 PD

H. L. Mayott  
Major, U.S.M.C.R.  
Commanding

In appropriate cases add "Awarded good-conduct medal (or good-conduct medal bar) No. — upon discharge."

To be filled out only when the book is forwarded for preparation of discharge certificate.

Closed and forwarded at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by reason of \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended for character \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, U.S.M.C.,

In appropriate cases add "Is (or, Is not) recommended for good-conduct medal (or good-conduct medal bar)."

Future address:  
306 George Street  
Greenwood, Mississippi

Forms 782 and 782b to be attached here

APR 26 1944  
PACK 8  
MESS EQUIPMENT

*Handwritten initials and signature*

Commanding officers will detach Forms 782 and 782b in accordance with instructions contained in articles 17-110 and 17-111, M.C.M.



# OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION RECORD

BECKWITH, BYRON DELA  
(Name in full, surname to left)

Age 21 years. Occupation PLANTER

How many years have you worked at it? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of last employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your weekly wage in this position, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the jobs or enterprises in which you exercised the greatest authority or leadership, such as foreman, manager, captain, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

In the columns below draw one line in black ink under those occupations at which you have worked; draw two lines under those at which you are an expert.

After each underlined occupation write in years column also the number of years (i. e., 1, 5, 9) of experience you have had in that occupation.

OCCUPATION	YRS.	OCCUPATION	YRS.
1 Aerial cameraman, still camera		42 Motorcycle mechanic	
2 Aerial photographic laboratory technician		43 Painter, general	
3 Aerial phototopographer		44 Painter, sign	
4 Airplane engine mechanic		45 Painter, sign letterer	
5 Airplane fabric and dope worker		46 Parachute mechanic	
6 Airplane mechanic		47 Photographer, amateur, expert	
7 Armorer		48 Photographer, camera-man, still	
8 Automobile electrician		49 Plumber, general	
9 Automobile mechanic, Diesel engine		50 Power man, telephone	
10 Automobile mechanic, general		51 Radiator repairman	
11 Baker		52 Radio electrician	
12 Barber		53 Radio operator, amateur	
13 Blacksmith, general		54 Radio operator, commercial	
14 Blacksmith, tool		55 Rigger, general	
15 Blaster and powderman		56 Rodman and chainman, survey	
16 Blueprinter		57 Sheet-metal worker	
17 Bricklayer, general		58 Shovel operator, gas engine	
18 Bridge carpenter		59 Stenographer	
19 Butcher		60 Stone mason	
20 Cable splicer, telephone and telegraph		61 Storage battery electrician	
21 Carpenter, general		62 Student, chemical engineering	
22 Chief clerk		63 Student, civil engineering	
23 Clerk, general		64 Student, electrical engineering	
24 Clerk, postal or mail		65 Student, mechanical engineering	
25 Construction foreman		66 Surveyor, general	
26 Cook		67 Switchboard installer, manual, telephone and telegraph	
27 Cordage worker		68 Tailor	
28 Draftsman, general		69 Telephone and telegraph lineman	
29 Draftsman, topographical		70 Tire repairer	
30 Electrician, general		71 Tractor driver	
31 Engineman, gas, oil, and gasoline		72 Truck driver	
32 Filter operator, water supply		73 Typist	
33 Horse trainer		74 Upholsterer	
34 Instrument maker		75 Welder, electric arc	
35 Line surveyor, telephone and telegraph		76 Welder, oxyacetylene	
36 Linotype or monotype operator		77 Well driller	
37 Lithographer, general		78 Wire chief, telephone and telegraph	
38 Machinist, general		79 Wireworker	
39 Mechanic, general			
40 Mess sergeant			
41 Meteorologist			

If you are an expert in any occupation not listed above, write it here \_\_\_\_\_

C.) you have had, g

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BECKWITH, Byron Dela (337948)



School Grade Years in School Subject Years in School Name of Employer Do you Describe Any other occupation List any and its occupation



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33 Horse trainer		74 Upholsterer	
34 Instrument maker		75 Welder, electric arc	
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40 Mess sergeant			
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If you are an expert in any occupation not listed above, write it here .....

Outline any previous military experience (including C. C. C.) you have had, period of service, rank or grade, and organization

SCHOOLING:  
Grade reached in school .....  
Years in high school .....  
Years in college .....  
Subjects of specialization .....  
Years in technical school .....  
Name course(s) pursued .....  
Do you speak a foreign language well? .....  
Any other languages? .....

Describe any talent you have in furnishing public entertainment .....  
List any hobbies, pertaining to any subject listed on page 32, with years of experience and indicate by underlining in red ink in the same manner as specified for occupation .....

Married }  
Unmarried } Number of children NONE

Byron DeLa Beckwith  
(Signature of recruit)

Date ..... 19.....  
10-9547

(Initials of officer)



BECKWITH, Byron Dela

(337948)









U.S.M.C. ENLISTED MAN'S QUALIFICATION CARD

**NOTE:** DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FILL OUT THIS CARD WITHOUT FIRST CAREFULLY READING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN U.S.M.C. PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS.

(21)-(7) PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE								(29) RECORD OF CURRENT SERVICE			
ARM OR SERVICE	YEARS IN EACH	HIGHEST GRADE	CATEGORY USMC ARMY NAVY C. G. OTHER	LAST DIS-CHARGE (YEAR)	SPECIAL TRAINING RECEIVED			DATE	ORGANIZATION AND STATION	GRADE	PRINCIPAL DUTY
					SPECIFIC NATURE	YEARS	MO'S.				
								10 FEBRUARY 1942	COA 2-ATBN	CORP	DRIVER
								11 MARCH 1944	MB, MSD., CLEARFIELD, UTAH		
(22)-(D) SERVICE SCHOOLS, ARM, OR SERVICE		NUMBER OF WEEKS	COURSE		YEAR GRADUATED	SCHOOL RATING					
1.											
2.											
3.											
4.											
(23) DUTY DESIRED				RECRUIT DEPOT		OTHER		(24) LIMITED SERVICE			
FIRST CHOICE		FLIGHT TRAINING						CLASS IV <input type="checkbox"/>			
SECOND CHOICE		CLERICAL						CLASS V <input type="checkbox"/>			
								OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>			
(25)-(R) ASSIGNMENT RECOMMENDED BY CLASSIFICATION OFFICER				RECRUIT DEPOT		OTHER					
(27)-(7) CLASSIFICATION IN MILITARY SPECIALTIES											
DESIGNATION			SPEC. SERIAL No.		DATE OF CLASSIFICATION						
✓ AMPHIBIOUS TRACTOR DRIVER			9952								
MACHINE GUNNER			604								
								(30)-(D) ENLISTMENT INDUCTION			
								DATE OF INTERVIEW: 18 APRIL 44			
								STATION: MB, MSD., CLEARFIELD, UTAH			
								INTERVIEWER: August W. Schuck, Sgt.			
								CLASSIFIER: [Signature]			
								SOLDIER: [Signature]			
(31) DRIVES: AUTO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIGHT TRUCK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEAVY TRUCK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						(33) REMARKS:					
TRACTOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATERPILLAR <input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLE <input type="checkbox"/>											
TYPE LICENSE <u>OP.</u> STATE <u>MISS</u>											
(32) QUALIFICATIONS IN ARMS											
WEAPON		COURSE		QUALIFIED		SCORE		DATE			
03 RIFLE				MM		207		12 FEBRU			
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(21) - (2) PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE								(29) RECORD OF CURRENT SERVICE					
ARM OR SERVICE	YEARS IN EACH	HIGHEST GRADE	CATEGORY USMC ARMY NAVY C. G. OTHER	LAST DISCHARGE (YEAR)	SPECIAL TRAINING RECEIVED				DATE	ORGANIZATION AND STATION	GRADE	PRINCIPAL DUTY	
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									10 FEB 42	COA 2-ATBN	CORP	DRIVER	
									11 MAR 44	MB, NSD., CLEARFIELD, UTAH	CORP	Guard	
									11 MAR 44	MAD, NRS Memphis, TENN	CORP	Plt -	
									14 MAY 45	* AES 44 CPNC	Sgt	MP	
									4 JAN 46	Discharged by reason of Exp of Enl			
(22) - (2) SERVICE SCHOOLS, ARM. OR SERVICE								COURSE		YEAR GRADUATED		SCHOOL RATING	
1.													
2.													
3.													
4.													
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RECRUIT DEPOT				OTHER				CLASS IV		<input type="checkbox"/>			
FIRST CHOICE FLIGHT TRAINING								CLASS V		<input type="checkbox"/>			
SECOND CHOICE CLERICAL								OTHER		<input type="checkbox"/>			
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AMPHIBIOUS TRACTOR DRIVER													
MACHINE GUNNER			604X										
MECHANIC, AIR (BASK) (SEC) (PRM)			Q747A			Sep 1944							
MILITARY POLICE (PRM)			677			15 SEP 45							
(30) - (2) DATE OF— ENLISTMENT INDUCTION								(CROSS OUT ONE)		5 JAN 1942			
DATE OF INTERVIEW								18 APRIL 44		STATION		MB, NSD., CLEARFIELD, UTAH	
INTERVIEWER								August W. Schick, Sgt		CLASSIFIER		Raymond J. Schick, Cpl	
SOLDIER								Raymond J. Schick, Cpl		SIGNATURES			
(31) DRIVES: AUTO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIGHT TRUCK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEAVY TRUCK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								TRACTOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATERPILLAR <input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLE <input type="checkbox"/>		(33) REMARKS: 17 APR 45 - COMPLETED F4U FAMILIARIZATION COURSE, MOBILE TRAINER UNIT #810 - GRADE 3.6 FOUND QUALIFIED FOR ASSIGNMENT TO PLATOON COMMANDERS SCHOOL 30 JUN 45 SEE SRB PAGE 19 4 Jan 46, hon dis by reason of exp enl.			
TYPE LICENSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP STATE MISS MC DL													
(32) QUALIFICATIONS IN ARMS													
WEAPON		COURSE		QUALIFIED		SCORE		DATE					
03 RIFLE		MM		207		12 FEB 42							

DISCHARGED





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
DLB-mc  
337984

MAY 14 1954

Mr. Byron D. Beckwith  
331 West Monroe  
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find the following awards to which you are entitled for your service in the U. S. Marine Corps:

Facsimiles of the Presidential Unit Citation  
awarded the First Marine Division, Rein-  
forced, for service on Guadalcanal and the  
Second Marine Division, Reinforced, for  
service on Tarawa together with ribbon  
bar and two bronze stars  
Good Conduct Medal for service 1942-1945  
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal  
American Campaign Medal  
Victory Medal World War II

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There is enclosed a Certificate for the Purple Heart previously awarded you, for a wound sustained in action against the enemy on 20 November 1943, while a member of the U. S. Marine Corps.

In connection with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal you are authorized to wear three bronze stars for participation in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi Landings, Capture and Defense of Guadalcanal and the Gilbert Islands Operation. Ribbon bars and stars for campaign and service insignia are not issued by this Headquarters; however, this letter will be of sufficient authority for the purchase thereof from any military shop.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. BLAKENEY

Head, Decorations and Medals Branch

By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

4 February 1943.

Cited in the Name of

The President of the United States

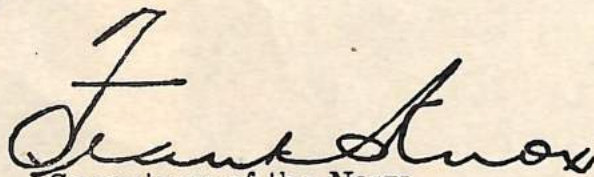
THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION, REINFORCED

Under command of

Major General Alexander A. Vandegrift, U.S.M.C.

CITATION:

"The officers and enlisted men of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, on August 7 to 9, 1942, demonstrated outstanding gallantry and determination in successfully executing forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, completely routing all the enemy forces and seizing a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific Ocean. From the above period until 9 December, 1942, this Reinforced Division not only held their important strategic positions despite determined and repeated Japanese naval, air and land attacks, but by a series of offensive operations against strong enemy resistance drove the Japanese from the proximity of the airfield and inflicted great losses on them by land and air attacks. The courage and determination displayed in these operations were of an inspiring order."

  
Secretary of the Navy.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to the

SECOND MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED)

consisting of Division Headquarters, Special Troops (including Company C, 1st Corps Medium Tank Battalion), Service Troops, 2nd, 6th, 8th, 10th and 18th Marine Regiments in the Battle of Tarawa, as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For outstanding performance in combat during the seizure and occupation of the Japanese-held Atoll of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 20 to 24, 1943. Forced by treacherous coral reefs to disembark from their landing craft hundreds of yards off the beach, the Second Marine Division (Reinforced) became a highly vulnerable target for devastating Japanese fire. Dauntlessly advancing in spite of rapidly mounting losses, the Marines fought a gallant battle against crushing odds, clearing the limited beachheads of snipers and machine guns, reducing powerfully fortified enemy positions and completely annihilating the fanatically determined and strongly entrenched Japanese forces. By the successful occupation of Tarawa, the Second Marine Division (Reinforced) has provided our forces with highly strategic and important air and land bases from which to continue future operations against the enemy; by the valiant fighting spirit of these men, their heroic fortitude under punishing fire and their relentless perseverance in waging this epic battle in the Central Pacific, they have upheld the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

*James Forrestal*  
Acting  
Secretary of the Navy

*Gilbert Case  
# 337984  
mb*



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DO NOT ADDRESS THE SIGNER OF THIS LETTER  
BUT ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO  
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

AND REFER TO NO.  
P3- 2061146

WASHINGTON, D. C.

31 May 1944

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.  
 To: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.  
 SUBJECT: Physical examination for flight duty in the case of  
 BECKWITH, Byron Dela Cpl., USMC Av. Cad. App.

1. The above named man has been examined by a Flight Surgeon and found to be physically qualified and temperamentally adapted for duty involving actual control of aircraft.

Examined: Date 2-26-44 Place NACSB, ONOP, SF, Calif.

By direction of the Chief, BuMed:

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HEADQUARTERS  
U.S. MARINE CORPS



JUN 5 1944

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U.S. MARINE CORPS  
 PERSONNEL DIVISION  
 M. L. HUMMEL  
 Commander (MC), USNR



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BY *KC*



Form AA-53

HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS  
DIVISION OF AVIATION  
WASHINGTON

AA-727-lmb

DA- 41748

FEB 9 1945

From: The Director of Aviation.  
To: Director of Personnel, Marine Corps, (Enlisted  
Detail Division).

Subject: Request for Change of Station Orders.

Reference: None.

Name, Rank, & Serial No.: Sgt. Byron D. Beckwith, (337948), USMC.

Present Station: MAD, NAS, Memphis, Tenn.

New Station: MCAB, Cherry Point, N.C.

Detachment Date: Proceed on 1 March, 1945.

Delay: Such delay as entitled, not to exceed fifteen (15) days  
current enlistment year.

Remarks: None.

Copies To: None.

*E. F. Syms*

H. F. Syms  
By direction



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John  
Lynn



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ASSIGNMENT TO TRAINING BATTALION

(LTR. INSTN # 969)

*May 45*

NAME BECKWITH, Byron DeLa RANK StfSgt USMC NO. 337948  
 DATE OF ENLISTMENT 5Jan1942  
 STATION AirEngSq 44, USMCAS, Cherry Point, N.C.  
 OVERSEAS SERVICE YES (19 months)  
 PHYSICALLY QUALIFIED *Yes - 7 Aug 45*  
 MEMO TO DETAIL BRANCH \_\_\_\_\_  
 REPORTED TO QUANTICO \_\_\_\_\_

Application pending until 4Sep45  
due to CMC Memo.

Due to the provisions of MARCORDIS  
301934, cancelling LI 969, Application  
is sent to file without further action  
S/Sgt Williams.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_



337948  
file  
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MARINE AVIATION DETACHMENT  
NAVAL AIR STATION  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

1 August, 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Corporal Byron D. BECKWITH (337948), USMC.

Subject: Orders to duty involving flying (temporary).

Reference: (a) Executive Order No. 9195.  
(b) Article 26-4, MCM.  
(c) Letter of Instruction No. 577.

1. You are hereby ordered to duty participating in regular and frequent aerial flights in aircraft, in accordance with above references.

2. These orders are automatically revoked upon discharge, or upon transfer to another command.

Frank D. Williams Jr.

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cc: CMC; DofA; PM Deputy(2); SRB; File.  
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NOTIFICATION OF DISCONTINUANCE OF ALLOTMENT

(Indicate which by check mark)

- National Service Life Insurance Premiums
- United States Government Life Insurance Premiums

BECKWITH Byron D. 337948 StfsGt  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Service number) (Grade or rank) (Unit or organization)

I hereby request the discontinuance of allotment in the amount of \$ .67 for the monthly premium on \$ 1,000. after deduction has been made for the month of August, 19 45  
(Amount of insurance)

I  ~~do not desire~~  ~~do not desire~~ to continue my insurance in force and understand that if I do desire to continue my insurance I must tender premiums due within the grace period by remittance direct to the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., beginning September, 19 45 9Nov1920  
(Date of birth)

Permanent home address 306 George St., Greenwood, Miss.  
(Number and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State)

Dated 5 September, 19 45  
(Signature of insured)

Reason for discontinuance Request of Grantor.

This is to inform the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., that the last checkage to be made on account of the allotment of the above-named insured  ~~was~~  ~~will be~~ made for the month of August, 19 45, for the premium due for the month of September, 19 45

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of disbursing officer)  
 W. W. RAYBOLT  
 LTCOL, APM USMC  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank and organization) (Service)

To: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
 NAVY—via Allotment Officer (Original only).  
 MARINE CORPS—via The Paymaster (In duplicate).  
 COAST GUARD—via Headquarters (In duplicate).

REMARKS:

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AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING SQUADRON 44  
U. S. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

30 June 1945

**From:** The Commanding Officer.  
**To:** The Director of Personnel, Marine Corps (Division of Reserve),  
Washington, 25, D. C.  
**Via:** (1) The Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station,  
Cherry Point, North Carolina.  
(2) The Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Cherry Point,  
North Carolina.

**Subject:** Assignment to Training Battalion, Platoon Commanders' School,  
Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia, as candidate for a  
Temporary Commission as Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps,  
request for, case of Staff Sergeant Byron D. BECKWITH,  
(337945), USMC.

**Reference:** (a) Ltr of Insta No. 969, dated Mar45.

**Enclosure:** (A) Report of physical examination by Medical Officer, U. S.  
Navy, NMS Form Y, in duplicate.

1. This noncommissioned officer has been selected as qualified for assignment to Marine Schools as a candidate for commission in the Marine Corps.
2. This noncommissioned officer has been examined physically and meets the physical standards as required. Report of physical examination of Medical Officer, U. S. Navy (NMS Form Y, in Duplicate), is attached.
3. The service record book of this man shows that he has been on duty outside the continental limits of the United States for a total of nineteen months, computed from date of sailing for overseas service.
4. In the opinion of the undersigned, he is mentally and morally qualified for assignment to Marine Corps Schools as a candidate for a temporary commission in the Marine Corps.
5. While a member of this organization, Staff Sergeant Beckwith has displayed a thorough working knowledge of military customs and procedures. He is most efficient and handles men with a marked degree of self-assurance. He is respected by his fellow noncommissioned officers as well as by the men who work under him.

W. R. BOGERT



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MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON FIVE TWENTY TWO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP FIFTY TWO  
NINTH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE  
U. S. MARINE CORPS AUXILIARY AIR FACILITY  
CONGAREE, SOUTH CAROLINA

26 May, 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is my understanding that Staff Sergeant Byron D. BECKWITH, U.S. Marine Corps, is making application for Platoon Commanders School at Quantico, Virginia.

Sergeant BECKWITH served under my command for approximately eight (8) months in 1944, with Marine Aviation Detachment, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee. During this time Sergeant BECKWITH served as an Aircraft Mechanic. While under my command he showed marked ability in handling men in the service in a satisfactory and effective manner and his output of work was extremely high. His work as a mechanic was considered by all the officers in the detachment as the most outstanding of any man in his department.

Sergeant BECKWITH showed outstanding ability to absorb, understand and carry out instructions and it is the opinion of the undersigned that he has the mental capacity for learning quickly and accurately, desirable in an officer candidate.

It is recommended that he be given consideration for appointment to Platoon Commanders School leading to a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

FRANK D. WILLIAMS, Jr.  
Major, USMCR.

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MARINE AVIATION DETACHMENT  
NAVAL AIR STATION  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

31 May, 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This is to state that Staff Sergeant Byron D. BECKWITH, USMC, served under my command for five (5) months. During this period, I had opportunity to observe Sergeant Beckwith's duties and conducts.

I found Sergeant Beckwith to be a very conscientious and dependable man. He posses qualities desirable of commissioned officers in the Marine Corps.

D. G. MC DOWELL,  
Major, USMCR,  
Commanding.



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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR FLYING

Name BECKWITH, Byron De La (Surname) CPL. (Rank or rate) U. S. M.C. (Branch of service)  
 Examination: Place MACSB, ONOP, SF, California Purpose Original Date 2/26/44  
Marine Casualty Co. no 1.  
 Present station U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, 14, Calif. Flying status Cand. for Aviation Cadet  
 Birth Sacramento, California (Place) 9 November 1920 (Date) Age 23 (Years) 4 (Months)  
 Years of service 2 yrs, 1 mo. Flying time last 12 months None (Hours) Total flying time None (Hours)  
 Typhoid prophylaxis 1943 Smallpox vaccination 1942

INSTRUCTIONS: Be definite in statement. To assist the statistician in selecting significant data, it is requested that all abnormal conditions be given a diagnostic title as listed in the Nomenclature of the Manual of the Medical Department, United States Navy, 1938. Examiners shall express an opinion as to whether any defects recorded are considered sufficient to disqualify.

- The preparation of this form shall include all statements relating to aeronautical adaptability. It shall be forwarded in duplicate via the Commanding Officer to the Bureau of Medicines and Surgery, Navy Department, for approval.
- One copy of this form, bearing the indorsement of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, will be returned to the ship or station submitting the report, for retention in the local files.
- When an individual is transferred to a new ship or station, the copy of this form, bearing the indorsement of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, shall be forwarded by the medical officer to the medical officer of the new ship or station to which he is to be attached.

General Examination

1. Previous medical history	Date	Duration	Complication
(a) Usual childhood - measles, mumps.			None
(b) Repair, gunshot wound	1943	30 days	None
(c) Diphtheria	1924	2-3 weeks	None
(d) Dengue	1943	1 week	None
(e) Submucous Repair	1940	3 days	None
(f) Tonsillectomy	1925	3-4 days	None

2. General build and appearance Asthenic, athletic Posture Excellent Frame Medium  
 3. Temperature Normal Height 67 1/2 inches. Weight 132 pounds. Gain 0 pounds. Loss 10 pounds.  
 4. Measurements: Chest expiration 33 inches, inspiration 38 inches. Abdomen 29 1/2 inches.  
 5. Respiratory Normal  
 6. Bones and joints 2nd degree pes planus, denies symptoms, N.C.D.  
 7. Skin Normal  
 8. Cardiovascular system Normal  
 (a) Condition of arteries Normal  
 (b) Condition of veins Normal Hemorrhoids None  
 (c) Pulse rate per minute: Prone 88; standing 96; after exercise 108; return to normal 45  
 (d) Blood pressure: Prone: Syst. 130; diast. 72 Standing: Syst. 130; diast. 84  
 (e) Heart Normal  
 (1) Murmurs None  
 (2) Arrhythmias None  
 (f) Circulatory efficiency rating Plus 8  
 9. Abdomen and pelvis (condition of wall, scars, abnormality of viscera) Normal  
 (a) Gastro-intestinal system Normal  
 (b) Hernia None



10. Genito-urinary system Normal  
 Urinalysis: Sp. gr. 1.014, alb. Negative, sugar Negative, microscopical -  
 Venereal disease None apparent Serological tests (when required) KAHN not taken
11. Endocrine system Normal
12. Teeth and gums (disease or anatomical defect): As Charted

Missing teeth #1-16-20-29  
 (List numbers)

Nonvital teeth None  
 (List numbers)

Periapical disease None  
 (Degree)

Marked malocclusion No  
 (Yes or no)

Lack of serviceable occlusion No  
 (Yes or no)

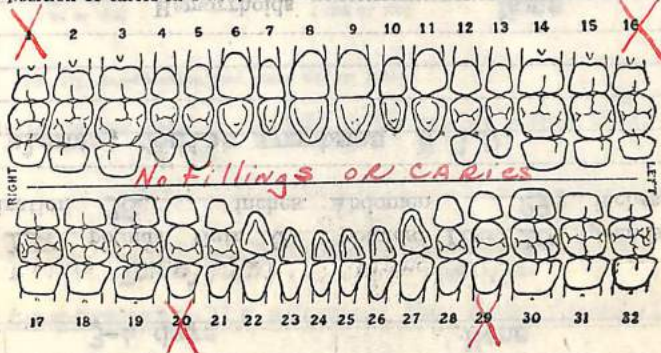
Pyorrhea alveolaris None  
 (Degree)

Teeth replaced by bridges None  
 (List numbers)

Meets dental requirements Yes  
 (Yes or no)

Dentures None  
 (Description)

Mark missing teeth by X whether replaced or not. Show size and position of caries in black, use red to indicate fillings and restorations.



Examined by undersigned  
 Medical Examiner.  
 (Signature of examiner)

Neuropsychiatric Examination

13. Family history of mental disorders, particularly the psychoneuroses Denies familial mental diseases

14. Personal history High school graduate; Track, swimming, firearm collecting; Pistol shooting; Mechanical ability good; Good motivation for flying.

15. Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| (a) Station <u>Romberg negative</u> | (e) Tic <u>None</u>                      |
| (b) Gait <u>Steady</u>              | (f) Other motor disturbances <u>None</u> |
| (c) Patellar reflexes <u>Plus 1</u> | (g) Peripheral circulation <u>Normal</u> |
| (d) Tremor <u>None</u>              | (h) Psychomotor tension <u>Normal</u>    |

16. Alcohol Occasionally, socially Drugs Denies Tobacco 20-25 cigarettes a day.  
 (See paragraph 137(10) N. R.)

17. Epilepsy Denies  
 (Grand mal and petit mal)

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|--|---------------------------|
| (a) Enuresis <u>D</u>  | (e) Migraine <u>D</u>     |
| (b) Stammering <u>E</u>  | (f) Somnambulism <u>E</u> |
| (c) Dizziness <u>N</u>   | (g) Fainting <u>NIES</u>  |
| (d) Convulsions <u>IES</u>   |                           |
| (h) Other disturbances in consciousness (amnesia, momentary lapses, prolonged absences, double and multiple personality, etc.) <u>N.P.</u> |                           |

18. Anxiety trends N.P.  
 (Whether pathological)

19. Elation and depression N.P.  
 (Whether pathological)

20. Irritability and apathy N.P.  
 (Whether pathological)

21. Phobias N.P.  
 (Whether pathological)

22. Sensory disturbances None

23. Aeronautical adaptability Favorable

Remarks: None

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**Eye Examination**

24. Visual acuity: R. E. 20/20 L. E. 20/20 Binocular vision -  
(Without lenses—Recorded only when visual defects exist)
25. Depth perception at 6 meters 16 mm.
26. Phorometer readings (diopters):  
 At 6 meters: Eso. 0 D. Exo. 0 D. R. H. 0 D. L. H. 0.6 D.  
 At 33 cm.: Eso. - D. Exo. - D. Prism divergence 5.0 D.
27. Associated parallel movements Normal Nystagmus None  
 Tangent curtain diagnosis Normal  
(In all cases of muscular imbalance)
28. Inspection Normal  
 Pupils: Equality Equal; shape Round; reaction L & A
29. Accommodation: R. E. 9.4 D. L. E. 9.9 D.
30. Angle of convergence: PcB 55 mm. Pd 66 mm. Angle 62
31. Central color vision: R. E. Normal L. E. Normal  
(Distinguish between plates confused and missed. Indicate plate numbers.)
32. Field of vision. Form: R. E. Normal L. E. Normal  
 Color: R. E. Normal L. E. Normal
33. Refraction, on original examination and when indicated (Homatropine). Tension Normal  
 Retinoscopic findings: R. E. Normal L. E. -  
 Cycloplegic acceptance (reads 20/20 with): R. E. - L. E. -
34. Ophthalmoscopic examination: R. E. - L. E. -

**Ear Examination**

35. History of ear trouble:  
 (a) Ringing or buzzing, earache, or discharge Denies  
 (b) Severe injuries to head Denies
36. (a) External auditory canal: Right Normal Left Normal  
 (b) Membrani tympani: Right Normal Left Normal  
 (c) Hearing: Spoken voice (when indicated), binaural -/15 feet; right -/15 feet; left -/15 feet.  
 Right ear, watch 40/40 inches; coin click 20/20 feet; whispered voice 15/15 feet.  
 Left ear, watch 40/40 inches; coin click 20/20 feet; whispered voice 15/15 feet.

**Nasopharynx**

37. Condition of nares: Right A. V. Left A. V.
38. Condition of tonsils and history of attacks of tonsilitis:  
 Right S. A. Left S. A.
39. Presence of adenoids None apparent
40. Condition of eustachian tubes after politzerization Patent

**Equilibrium**

41. Equilibrium. Barany chair vestibular test, on original examination and when indicated.  
 Nystagmus: (a) Rotation to right, 10 turns in 20 seconds, horizontal nystagmus to left 27 seconds.  
 (b) Rotation to left, 10 turns in 20 seconds, horizontal nystagmus to right 26 seconds.  
 Falling test: (a) Rotation to right, 5 turns in 10 seconds. Falls to Right  
 (b) Rotation to left, 5 turns in 10 seconds. Falls to Left  
(NOTE.—Rotation nystagmus of 26 seconds is normal. A variation of 10 seconds above and 12 seconds below is allowable.)
42. Self-balancing test: Right 1 attempts. Left 1 attempts. Result Steady